

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U 39 E) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing the Construction of the Jefferson-Martin 230 kV Transmission Project.

Application 02-09-043
(Filed September 30, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
REGARDING MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL AND
MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Women's Energy Matters (WEM) has filed a motion for leave to file confidential documents under seal (Motion of October 27, 2004). The documents are the Evidence of Financial Hardship of WEM's clients in this proceeding: Dorothy Edwards and Jess Mason. This information is set forth as Attachment A to WEM's Supplemental Information for Request for Compensation (October, 27, 2004). The information consists of personal financial information of these two persons and is being submitted to the Commission solely for the purpose of establishing WEM's entitlement to intervenor compensation.

Additionally, WEM has filed a separate motion for a protective order to maintain this same information as confidential information under General Order 66-C (Motion of October 27, 2004).

Good cause appearing, **IT IS RULED** as follows:

1. The motions of WEM, both filed on October 27, 2004, which motions are unopposed, are granted to the extent set forth below.

2. The confidential information, described above, is personal financial information of Dorothy Edwards and Jess Mason that is being submitted to the Commission for the limited purpose of establishing WEM's entitlement to intervenor compensation. The information may be protected under General Order 66-C.

3. Public disclosure of this confidential information will likely be detrimental to the privacy of the persons submitting the financial information. Automatic public disclosure of such information may inhibit ratepayers and members of the public to become involved in future Commission proceedings and thereby be detrimental to the public interest.

4. The confidential information will remain under seal until further order of the Commission. The information will not be made accessible or disclosed to anyone other than (a) Commission staff; (b) parties to this proceeding who have executed a reasonable nondisclosure agreement with Dorothy Edwards and Jess Mason; or (c) upon the further order or ruling of the Commission, the Assigned Commissioner, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), or the ALJ then-designated as Law and Motion Judge.

Dated November 10, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JOHN E. THORSON

John E. Thorson
Law and Motion Judge
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Regarding Motion to File Under Seal and Motion for Protective Order on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 10, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

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N O T I C E

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